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Proposed Press Release Regarding National Academy of Sciences J.F. Kennedy Assassination Acoustics Study

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The following information is provided, per your request, for use in formulating a press release in the John F. Kennedy assassination matter:

The Department of Justice confirmed today that it will not conclude its review of the issues raised by the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) regarding the John F. Kennedy assassination until the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) completes its study of the HSCA acoustics report. The NAS study, which is being financed by the Department of Justice but conducted under National Science Foundation supervision, is expected to be completed before April 30, 1981. The NAS report will be submitted directly to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives by the National Academy of Sciences.

The NAS was provided with a copy of an FBI analysis of the acoustics evidence in this investigation, at its request, on December 1, 1980, the date the FBI referred that report to the Attorney General's office.

The National Science Foundation has responsibility for monitoring the performance of the NAS in conducting this study. The Department of Justice will not have access to NAS findings or recommendations until the date of their release to the House of Representatives.

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